

Disinvestment of Government share in VSNL

595. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are going ahead with disinvestment of its shares upto 26 per cent in VSNL;

(b) if so, whether Government had earlier expressed serious concern over the security implications of the privatization of VSNL;

(c) if so, whether the issue was referred to the MHA and other concerned security agencies before going ahead with disinvestment;

(d) if so, the response thereto and the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Security concern would be suitably dealt with in consultation with Department of Disinvestment and Ministry of Home Affairs at the time of disinvestment.

Non-delivery of money orders

596. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of complaints made during the financial year 2000-2001 with regard to the non-delivery of the money orders and the quantum of money involved therein, zone-wise;

(b) whether any departmental enquiry has been initiated to find out the culprits;

(c) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise; and

(d) what steps are being taken to make the better use of the Post Office network for sending the money orders and it becomes a very popular service of the Post Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Data regarding